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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, applicant hereby elects the Species F Figures 10-11. Claim 9-14, 17, 21-22, 25-27 and 55-60 read on the elected species. Claims 9-14, 17, 21-22, 25 and 55-60 are generic to Figures 1-5, 8-19, 22-23, 25-26 and 28-29.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims readable on the elected species are all patentable over the cited art for reasons previously submitted, particularly in response to the last Office Action.

The Examiner indicated that claim 1-29 are pending in this application. However, it is submitted that because of the cancellation and rewriting of certain claims the currently pending claims are claims 1, 2, 5-14, 16-29, and 55-60.

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In view of the foregoing, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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